

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare: THAT my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; THAT I verily believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RECEIVING A UNIVERSAL INPUT VOLTAGE IN A WELDING POWER SOURCE  
of the specification of which:

(x) is attached hereto.

( ) was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

( ) is amended in the attached Amendment.

THAT I do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention or discovery thereof, or more than one year prior to this application;

THAT the invention was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America for more than one year prior to this application;

THAT this invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America or an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months before this application

THAT I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

THAT I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56; and

THAT applications for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention or discovery which have been filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America are as follows (leave blank if none):

(a) none filed more than 12 months prior hereto, unless identified here: \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_

(b) earliest filed less than 12 months prior hereto the priority of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. The foreign application(s) on which priority is claimed is \_\_\_\_\_, and other foreign applications having filing dates earlier than the application(s) on which priority is claimed are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

AND I hereby appoint, as my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent; each attorney named below with Registration Number; individually and collectively:

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I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Serial No.: 08/779,044  
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For: Method And Apparatus For Receiving A Universal Input Voltage In A Welding Power Source

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Sir:

As the named inventor of the above-captioned United States patent application and all inventions disclosed or claimed therein, I hereby revoke all previous powers of attorney in respect of the subject application, and appoint as my attorney to prosecute this application for patent and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent:

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